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SUBJECT: ROK REACTION TO THIEU RESIGNATION

1. RESIGNATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU WAS TOP NEWS STORY IN ROK APRIL 22. PRESS PLAYED IT UNDER HEADLINES READING "THIEU RESIGNS --BLAMES US FOR BETRAYAL". COVERAGE INCLUDED MENTION THAT USG AND CONGRESS WELCOMED RESIGNATION WITH BELIEF IT INCREASES PROSPECT FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
2. EARLY EDITORIAL REACTION CONTINUES THEME OF US BLAME FOR VIETNAM SITUATION. CHUNGANG ILBO CALLS RESIGNATION A BIG TRAGEDY, IN BACKGROUND OF WHICH ARE "FOIBLES OF KISSINGER DIPLOMACY AND WEAKNESS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY." SEMI-OFFICIAL KYUNGHYANG SHINMUN SAYS THAT VIETNAM'S DESTINY WAS SET WHEN US ACCEPTED A PEACE AGREEMENT "THAT IS HARDLY SUFFICIENT EVEN FOR SAVING FACE" AND THEN FAILED TO OBSERVE PROMISE TO INTERVENE WHEN THAT AGREEMENT WAS VIOLATED.
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ASSEMBLY FIGURES, DRP FLOOR LEADER LIM YONG-TAE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THIEU HAD ABDICATED HIS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MIDST OF WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST FORCES: "HE SHOULD HAVE DONE HIS BEST TO THE LAST MINUTE FOR PROTECTING HIS PEOPLE AND

COUNTRY." YUCHONGHOE FLOOR LEADER YI YONG-KUN SAID
NEWS OF RESIGNATION WAS SHOCKING AND DEPLORABLE AND
EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT RESIGNATION COULD SPEED UP
COMMUNIZATION OF VIETNAM. NDP PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM
ALSO EXPRESSED SHOCK AT NEWS BUT CLAIMED THAT "IF
THIEU HAD RESIGNED SEVERAL MONTHS EARLIER
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO TRAGEDY." KIM ADDED THAT
VIETNAM GIVES KOREA A GOOD LESSON ON WHAT CORRUPTION
AND DICTATORSHIP ULTIMATELY BRING TO A COUNTRY.
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